



Brownfields 2017 Area-Wide Planning Grant Fact Sheet

Resource Conservation and Development for Northeast Iowa, Inc., Pottsville, IA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through competitive grant programs for brownfields site assessment, site cleanup, revolving loan funds, area-wide planning, and job training. Additional funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program

EPA's Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Program assists communities in responding to local brownfields challenges, particularly where multiple brownfield sites are in close proximity, connected by infrastructure, and limit the economic, environmental and social prosperity of their surroundings. This program enhances EPA's core brownfields assistance programs by providing grant funding to communities so they can perform the research needed to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategies for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and reuse. The resulting area-wide plans provide direction for future brownfields area improvements that are protective of public health and the environment, economically viable, and reflective of the community's vision for the area.

Project Description

\$200,000.00

EPA has selected Resource Conservation and Development for Northeast Iowa, Inc., as a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant recipient. Resource Conservation and Development for Northeast Iowa, Inc., will work with the community and other stakeholders to develop an area-wide plan and implementation strategy for the Postville Community Planning Project Area. This area, comprised of 107 acres in Postville, has been identified as key to the economic revitalization of the community. Postville has been an immigration entry point for U.S. immigrants for decades, and has struggled socially and economically for the past 15 years. The catalyst site is the AgriStar property/former Iowa Turkey Plant, located at the entrance to the community. This project will help restore social partnership and community vision, and bring together diverse private and public entities in the community to develop a comprehensive vision for community revitalization. The area-wide plan will encourage business improvement, expansion, and recruitment. Key partners who will work with Resource Conservation and Development for Northeast Iowa, Inc., on this project include the City of Postville, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, University of Iowa, Driftless Area Scenic Byway, Allamakee County Economic Development, and Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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